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NATIONAL POLICY FOR LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a comprehensive National Policy during the Tenth Plan for ensuring safety and providing health facilities to labourers at work place;

(b) if so, the sectors to which special attention will be paid in this regard;

(c) the funds provided by the Government for the purpose; and

(d) the other related details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): A Working Group on Occupational Safety and Health was constituted by the Planning Commission under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Labour) for the Tenth Five Year Plan to review the existing set up for occupational safety and health in the work place, to assess weaknesses of the existing set up and suggest way to improve it and also to suggest ways to improve occupational safety standards in the large segments of work force not included so far etc.

The working group in its report recommended that a coherent National Policy on Occupational Safety and Health of workers employed in all sectors of the economy should be prepared through tripartite construction. The working group has recommended improvement of Occupational Safety and Health in the mines, Factories, Ports and Docks in the organized sector and to provide awareness and training to the Agriculture, construction, Beedi and Cigar manufacturing shops and establishments, home work, Eating places and waste management sectors in the unorganized sector during the plan period.

(c) & (d): Allocation for this area of activity have not yet been made under the Xth Plan